

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-8, 10 and 12-14 are active.

Claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 13 and 14 are rejected over Barron, U.S. 616,178.

Applicant's attorney, Gordon D. Coplein (Reg. No. 19,165) refers to a telephone interview with the Examiner on October 23, 2008. This interview is noted in the Examiner's Interview Summary mailed on October 27, 2008.

During the interview the Barron patent was discussed. Applicant's attorney noted that in Barron the middle piece A of the saddle (corresponding to the nose 9 of the present application) is to be fixedly connected to the bicycle frame (column 1, lines 33-35 and the claims). The wings B (corresponding to the seat of the application claim) moves up and down relative to the fixed center piece A (nose). Barron is the exact opposite to the invention. That is, in the saddle of the invention referring to Figs. 6-7, the seat 2 is attached to the frame and the nose 9 pivots up and down relative to the fixed seat.

The saddle of Barron would not produce the advantage of protecting the perineal area of the body which is the purpose of the saddle of the invention.

During the interview, proposed amendments to claim 1 were discussed. The amended version of claim 1 that is submitted is believed to be considered by the Examiner to patentably distinguish over Barron. It is noted that claim 1 is directed to a saddle that is to be used with a bicycle and the manner in which it operates on the bicycle. It is not directed to the combination of a saddle and bicycle.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

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Prompt and favorable action is requested.

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